



MCCLURE UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER JUNE 2026

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*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.*

*You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise.*

~ James K. Manley, 1975

This hymn reminds us that the Spirit of God can be both gentle and restless.

The Spirit is timeless, calling from both the past and the future, inspiring dreams and visions, guiding our work as the people of God. The season of the Spirit, Pentecost, is a time to uplift and continue the work of the Church in our time and place.

This season, we celebrate the 101st anniversary of the United Church of Canada.

On Pride Sunday we will fly our rainbow flag and celebrate that we affirm and include all people.

On National Indigenous Day of Prayer, we will look back at how far our church has come in our relationship with the first peoples of this place, and consider how far we have yet to go.

On June 14th, Rural Life Sunday, the smallest congregation among us, Radville, will hold a baptism for twin baby girls. This miracle is a reminder that just when we think maybe the church has run its course, the call of the Holy Spirit persists.

This season, may the Holy Spirit refresh us, inspire us, and stir us from placidness, so that with bold new decisions, our church may continue to love and to serve the world God made.

~Emily

IN LOVING SYMPATHY

Holding you gently in prayer...

All who have experienced grief & loss in its many forms

The Family and friends of Ray Penny



BAPTISM

May 24th -Hayes Walker Krieger son of Haylee and Spencer Krieger



NEWS FROM THE MCCLURE CHURCH BOARD

"Spring being a hard act to follow, God created June "- Al Bernstein

June is a month when we look forward to calming our busy lives with more warmth in the air, more outside time, and some activities may even take a break over the summer months.

A few McClure folk attended a Covenanting Gathering for Meghan Drabble on May 19 at St. Martin's United Church. Meghan began her job in Youth Ministry for the Saskatoon and Area Youth Ministry in March.

Angela Glasel (Candidate for Ministry from McClure) attended "Rekindling Hope" in Weyburn, May 23-24, a Living Skies Regional event.

On June 7, the 2025 Annual General Meeting (our 59th AGM) is being held in the Sanctuary. The Board hopes to see you there. Thanks to Arron Bahry for coordinating the Annual Report into such a cohesive document. The Report informs us of the many facets that make McClure United Church the wonderful spiritual community that it is.

At the time of writing, the Board has one more meeting, on May 26, before the AGM. The various committees of the Board are busy with activities, arrangements, updating committee policies, and soon we will be looking at the 2027 Budget. There is always a need to have congregants willing to serve on committees, and also in leadership roles. At this time two Trustees are needed, as well as a Property Committee Chair. We are still looking for 3 more congregants to serve on the newly created Task Force. The Community of Faith Profile committee are working on updating the profile. Also, a survey for the Congregation regarding a look at ministry needs at McClure when Rev. Emily leaves McClure at the end of June is being planned.

We will miss the presence of Rev. Emily within the building, at Sunday services, and at the many committee meetings and Bible Studies that she has been a part of in her ministry with us. Our heartfelt prayers go with you, Rev. Emily, as you begin your Ministry with Mayfair United Church. The "Release of Covenant" service will be on Sunday, June 28 at 10:00 am.

We also say good-bye to Heather Muirhead as co-chair for the past 3 years. She has enjoyed being on the church board and thanks all the dedicated board members who come out each month to discuss church challenges and accomplishments. It really is a fantastic governance that our previous generation of McClure folks have worked out for us over the years. There is so much to learn about the workings of McClure; as cochair, you get the wonderful feeling that working together as a church family, we can figure out our problems and still be friends. We thank Heather for her dedication to this role.

We urge anyone who is interested in church leadership to let your voice be heard. Starting in the Fall, we will again be looking for a co-chair elect, for 2027. That person could be you. Joy McFarlane Burton will be in her third year as co-chair, with her wonderful people and planning skills. Terry Linsley will be learning the co-chair position from a pro, and then carry on into 2027. It is so wonderful that two such talented people are willing to provide church leadership going forward. All the best to Joy and Terry as they begin their dynamic duo. McClure is in good hands.

And now let Summer begin!!!

Heather Muirhead and Joy McFarlane-Burton, Co-Chairs

Rev. Emily Carr Farewell Party - June 28

Please join us in celebrating the very special times we have enjoyed with Rev. Emily and wish her well. We will have a gathering after the 10:00 am "Release of Covenant" worship service Sunday, June 28 – her last service with us.

Our plan is to have a short program followed by cake and coffee.

We will also present Emily with a gift of appreciation for her loving care. If you would like to contribute, it can be done by:

- Writing a cheque to McClure United Church (In the memo line write "Emily's farewell gift"); Drop off at the church or mail to McClure United Church, 4025 Taylor Street E, Saskatoon, SK. S7H 5N7
- Leave a cash gift in a labelled envelope; or
- E-transfer (In the note section, specify "Emily's farewell gift").

Starting June 7 there will be two boxes set out in the foyer on Sundays till June 21. In one you can send Emily a personalized card and the other will be for financial gifts. During the week after that date, both boxes can be accessed in the office during office hours. The messages and financial gifts will be presented on June 28.



Camp Sunday – May 3, 2026



Camp Sunday held on May 3 found us enjoying all that Camp Tapawingo embodies – a reminder of why nature nurtures, youthful energy, camp songs that conjure up memories and yes ... a delicious hotdog lunch!

We were thrilled to have so many people stay after the service to enjoy hotdogs, potato chips and cookies. The donations going to Camp Tapawingo totalled \$1244.65 – AMAZING! This event wouldn't have been possible without help from our wonderful community and the fine folks of McClure!

Special thanks to McClure kitchen staff for cooking the hotdogs to perfection! Huge thanks to Saskatoon Coop for their generous donation of everything we needed to make this event happen! Thanks to everyone who supported us by volunteering, making donations and creating a camp atmosphere by enjoying a lunch together!

Let's do it again next year!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Amy's Volunteers *urgently needed for the summer*

McClure House is a care facility that is attached to McClure United Church.

We urgently require more volunteers **to serve breakfast**. Please consider this important ministry. You will be trained and will not be on your own until you are comfortable doing so.

Volunteers serve breakfast at Amy's at 8:00 each morning. Usually, we are done by 9:30 at the latest. We try to slot you in once a week if that works for you. The wonderful folks at Amy's would love to see you.

If you are interested, please call Carol Claypool at 306-664-2285 or email at cclpool@sasktel.net.

Look forward to hearing from you!



Sunday Coffee Volunteers

Summer is Coming - Coffee Volunteers Needed!

With summer cottages opening and vacations coming up, we would really appreciate any help with serving & making Sunday Morning coffee at 9:00 am.

No experience required. Instruction provided. Come meet a new friend or visit with an old one! Congregational Care Committee

MEALS ON WHEELS

McClure delivers Meals on Wheels to shut-ins every Friday.

Meals are picked up at Preston Care Home across from Market Mall. They are picked up at 11:15 a.m. and it typically takes about one hour to deliver.

Right now, the volunteers are delivering about once a month. More volunteers would mean you would deliver less often. We would have you go with someone for the first time or two to find out how the process works.

If this is something that you feel you would be interested in, please call Holly Knuttila at 306.227.0835 or email holly.knuttila@shaw.ca.

I look forward to hearing from you.



STAYING CONNECTED

Ministry with Children – Rainbow Village Sunday Morning.

Rainbow Village Wrap Up on Sunday, June 21st!

Come celebrate the last Rainbow Village before summer with us!
We will have some test treats for the whole congregation after worship.

Starts at 10:00 am with a special game filled Sunday
and then treats served after worship!



We would like to celebrate the **graduations** of our wonderful young people.

If you have a graduate in your family please let the church know.
email

- mcclureunitedchurch@shaw.ca

Nursery

The nursery is closed for renovations.
Please remember babies and toddlers are very welcome in the worship space and the chapel is available for your convenience.

Sunday, June 28th is the Pride Parade!

Come walk or ride with us in the parade, we will have a vehicle there! Come anytime from 11-11:45am to join the parade. We will be marshalled/ meeting under the University Bridge: more details to come.

Parade starts at noon, bring a folding chair and watch from Knox United!

We want allies and queer folks involved, so come to uplift our community!

We are in need of **volunteer drivers to get folks home from church on Sunday, June 28th so the McClure Van will be in the Pride parade.**

Volunteers must have an up-to-date driver's license, insured licence plates, and working seatbelts for any passengers in the car.

Drivers will need to gather their assigned passengers within ten minutes after the end of the church service that Sunday

NEWS FROM McCLURE PLAYERS



UPCOMING PRODUCTION: *A CHRISTMAS CAROL*

Join McClure Players this November for *A Christmas Carol*, presented as a festive dinner theatre in the McClure United Church sanctuary.

PERFORMANCE DATES:

- November 26, 27, 28, 2026 (dinner theatre)
- Matinees: November 28 & 29, 2026 (performance only)

This community theatre production welcomes participants from **Grade 1 to seniors**, whether or not they are affiliated with the church. The goal is to bring people together and build community while offering meaningful theatre experience.

AUDITIONS

- **Thursday, August 20, 2026:** 7:00–9:00 pm
- **Friday, August 21, 2026:** 7:00–9:00 pm
- **Saturday, August 22, 2026:** 11:00 am–2:00 pm
- **Call Backs (if needed):** Monday, August 24 (time TBD)

Audition Material Will be made available soon. Please follow our Facebook page *McClure Players* or after July 1st you can email Mccluremusical@gmail.com

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

- **First Read-Through:** August 31
- **Rehearsals Begin:** September 11

Regular Rehearsals:

- Mondays & Fridays: 7:00–9:30 pm
- Saturdays: 1:00–5:00 pm
- Sundays (September only): 2:00–4:00 pm

CHILDREN'S CHORUS (GRADES 1–3)

- No audition required
- More information coming in June
- Practices: Saturdays, 1:00–2:30 pm (September–October), Saturdays 1:00–5:00 pm (November) although there may be other times they are called in November leading up to the show days. The final calendar will be available on the audition date.

We look forward to building community and bringing this holiday classic to life—on stage and behind the scenes!

Summer Reading List 2026



Here are the books I have really enjoyed over the past year. All of these I have rated at least 4/5. Check a summary on Amazon or Google to see if any might appeal to you. Sandy Hoenecke.

General Fiction

Here One Moment- Liane Moriarty
Kate and Frida- Kim Fay
The Names- Florence Knapp
Precipice- Robert Harris
The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife
The Conditions of Will- Jessa Hastings
The Correspondent- Virginia Evans
Family, Family- Laurie Frankel
The Poppy Fields- Nikki Erlick
The Ghostwriter- Julie Clark
The Bookbinder- Pip Williams
You Are Here- David Nicholls
Dear Edward- Ann Napolitano
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store- J McBride
Small Things Like These- Claire Keegan
A Town with Half the Lights On- Page Getz
State of the Union- Nick Hornby
Remarkably Bright Creatures- Shelby VanPelt
The Stolen Hours- Allen Eskens
The Spoon Stealer- Lesley Crewe
On the Edge- Sarah Turner
The Mad Wife- Meagan Church
These Summer Storms- Sarah MacLean
The Road to Tender Hearts- Annie Hartnett
The Evolution of Annabel Craig- L Grunwald
Far and Away- Amy Poeppel
Emma M Lion- Beth Brower #1
My Friends- Fredrik Backman
The Second Chance Cinema- Thea Weiss

Romance with a good story

Part of Your World- Abby Jimenez #1
Yours Truly- Abby Jimenez #2
Just for the Summer- A Jimenez #3
Every Summer After- Carley Fortune #1
One Golden Summer- Carley Fortune #2
The Paradise Problem- Christina Lauren
Let's Make a Scene- Laura Woods
Summer Romance- Annabel Monaghan
Five Years from Now- Paige Toon
It's Different This Time- Joss Richard
Then There was You- Sophie Cousens
Grace and Henry's Holiday Movie Marathon-
Matthew Norman
Only Love Can Hurt Like This- Paige Toon
PSI Hate You- Lauren Connelly

Non-Fiction

Careless People- Sarah Wynn-Williams
The Library Book- Susan Orlean
Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake- A Quindlen
God, A Human History- Reza Aslan
Your Brain's Not Broken- Tamara Rosier
Separation of Church and Hate- J Fugelsang
The Kingdom, the Power & the Glory- T Alberta

Mystery/Thriller

Grimm Up North- David Gatward #1
Best Served Cold- David Gatward #2
The Housemaid- Freida McFadden
HIM- JD Kirk
Dead Man's Grave- N Lancaster -#1 in series
Too Old for This- Samantha Downing
The Bonnie Dead- Andrew Raymond
The Black Wolf- Louise Penny
The Art of Dying- Ambrose Perry #2
Locked In- Jussi Adler-Olsen
Silent Bones- Val McDermid
First Blood- Angela Marsons #1 in series ++

Different or Fantasy or Young Adult

Meet me When My Heart Stops-Becky Hunter
Peaches and Honey- R Raeta #1
Pits and Poison- r Raeta #2
Ladybirds-R Raeta
The Other Side of Now- Paige Harbison
Under the Whispering Door- T J Klune
The Betrayals- Bridget Collins
Gwendy's Button Box- Stephen King
Psalm for the Wild-Built-Becky Chambers
Detour- Jeff Rake
A Shield of Sparrows- Devney Perry
Once and Again- Rebecca Serle

MCCLURE PLACE

McClure Place Happenings

“To enrich the lives of McClure Place Residents by providing support and service”

Our Nurse Nicole was honored at our April Celebration Day. She has retired after seven years of conscientious care of our residents. As well as her nursing duties, Nicole also managed to do a few extra jobs in our group setting, ie: being in charge of the Griffith Garden. We welcome Stephanie Bird as our new Wellness Co-ordinator. She will be working part-time through the summer and start regular hours in September.

1. We welcome back the “snowbirds” who arrived at varying times in April and May from warmer climates.
2. Many residents took advantage of The Big Shred and rid themselves of old documents. The donated funds go to projects at Amy McClure House.
3. Treasure Swap was a fun event. Residents brought items no longer needed or wanted, to the Hospitality area to give away. Residents could also pick up “free”, any items they wished. This went over well. Any leftover items were donated/taken to St. Martins Church garage sale.
4. A delicious roast beef supper cooked by our kitchen was held May 21st for the McClure residents.

Funding was received from Canada Summer Jobs! We welcome the summer students who will be working with us. The Church has hired two students that we will be sharing & managing: Nick Boutin for painting; and Taylor Kitching for developing the Emergency Preparedness Documents for the Church, McClure Place and Amy’s. McClure Place has also hired Mackenzie Watt & Karlie Kowalchuk for recreational activities; and Emmanuel Obisean & Delaney Clarke for maintenance work. We will see them around.

The designated McClure charity for the month of May is the “Buffalo Child & Youth Advocacy Centre”. JoAnne Smallbones, who has recently retired from thirty years of service with the Saskatoon Police Force, has recently become the Chief Executive Officer of this Saskatoon based facility and is passionately committed to its leadership. She shared films and local information plus broader fields showing the huge Sheldon Kennedy Center (named after the famous hockey player) at Red Deer, Alberta, for treatment of victims of sexual abuse.

Tickets are selling well for an afghan donated by Marjorie Helgert. The draw for the winner will take place on Celebration Day Tuesday May 26th. Proceeds will support the Van Fund.

Warmer weather is finally here and we are looking forward to planting in raised garden beds. The Garden Committee will set out flowering plants for the front & sides our building when danger of frost is over.

Eleanor Elliott

BIG SHRED SUCCESS!! Saturday, May 2, was Big Shred Day for the McClure Place Foundation, and our Church community and the community at large came through in a big way. **We raised over \$9,800 for the benefit of the residents of Amy McClure House**, up over 30% over last year’s result, and the second highest total since the event began in 2014. Only the 2023 total was higher, having been preceded by a 3-year COVID-related hiatus. Our return customers have been loyal over the years, but this year we also enjoyed a 37% increase in first-time customers. This bodes well for the future of the event! A big **Thank-You to the Congregation for supporting this important event in the life of our community**



To support the Life and Work of the Church financially:

- **Pre-Authorized Remittance PAR** can be set up by calling the office 306-373-1753.
- **E- transfers** are welcome by contacting donations@mcclureunitedchurch.org
- Donations can be made through the website using Canada Help -go to the webpage and click on the donate button. (Note: Canada Help takes a fee and therefore McClure does not get 100% of your donation if you use this method)

Envelopes are available through the Church office
306-373-1753

Newsletter Format Options:

Our monthly newsletter is available at the church website & it's also emailed directly to everyone on the email list.

But, if you prefer to receive a paper copy **or** you need to update your email/contact info, please contact the office at:

306-373-1753 or mcclureunitedchurch@shaw.ca

Sheila Krueger – Editor

*Got important info for the
McClure Newsletter?
Feedback? Ideas?*

Please e-mail newsletter submissions directly
to eskrueger@sasktel.net

**July-August Newsletter Deadline:
June 21st, 2026**

Please note Debra is currently on Sabbatical Leave from February 1st to June 30th, 2026.

And Vacation from July 1st, 2026 to July 26th, 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  HAPPY PRIDE MONTH	2 7 PM Outreach Committee Meeting	3 10 AM Congregational Care Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Choir	4 1:30 PM McClure Quilters 7 PM M&P Committee Meeting 	5	6 
7 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village 11 AM McClure United Church AGM	8	9 	10 7:30 PM Choir Practice	11 3 PM Property Committee Meeting	12	13 
14 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village 	15	16	17 7:30 PM Choir Practice 	18	19	20
21 National Indigenous Peoples Day & Father's Day 10 AM Sunday Worship and Rainbow Village <i>Wrap Up</i> 5 PM July-August Newsletter Deadline	22	23 7 PM Board Meeting 	24 7:30 PM Choir Practice	25	26 7 PM SAYM Event 	27
28 Release of Covenant Service 10 AM Sunday Worship 11 AM Rev. Emily Carr Farewell Party 12 PM Saskatoon Pride Parade	29 	30				
						"Let the fields and everything in them exult." Psalm 96:12